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Minister Sevinger assures that Oranjestad mains street beautification project is progressing on schedule



Minister Sevinger

Minister of Infrastructure, Immigration and Environment, Benny Sevinger, met with media to assure the community and Oranjestad merchants in particular that the renovations of the Caya

Betico Croes, though not obvious to the casual observer, are progressing as planned, as all required permits for construction have been obtained. The first phase of placing lines for water, electricity and

communications by WEB, Elmar and SETAR, N.V., respectively, has had disruptions, such as a broken cable. However, the work by the Department of Public Works goes on night and day, and so they are able to overcome the unexpected to insure they will be completed as projected within a 12 month period. It is expected for the first phase to be done around May-June; work on the 2nd phase will begin in July. During this time navigating the main street will be exceedingly difficult for pedestrians, as there will be a deep 3-meter trench running the length of the avenue. This will partly be due to a very important part of the second phase, the construction of two canals running along the pedestrian walk, which will facilitate drainage during the occasional downpour.

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Aruba's Anouk Eman Named MVP

News for rejoicing reached us this week regarding synchronize athletic swimmer Anouk Eman.

Last week, during a special gala event in St. Louis, Missouri, Anouk Eman received the "Most Valuable Player" Award from Lindenwood University. Anouk is an outstanding synchro athlete, who has represented Aruba at important international competitions such as at the Pan-American Games, the Central American and Caribbean Games, regional and continental championships and at various other international competitions. Anouk is currently preparing to represent Aruba in the world championship and the Pan-American Games which will be held later this year.

To continue her training and also her studies, Anouk left for the US last year where she now studies and practices her sport at Lindenwood University. The "Lindenwood Lions" synchro team has a proficient technical staff, under the leadership of Lori Eaton as their lead trainer.

The outstanding results and personality of Anouk has already during her first season with the team, propelled her to Team Captain, which function she has taken on with much responsibility. Furthermore, Anouk also enjoys a scholarship from the university, which enables her to easily combine her studies with her athletic career.

Last week Anouk came home to Aruba where she gave two demonstrations in the Paseo Herencia pool together with her duet swim companion from Egypt, Ms. Rheem Abdelazem.

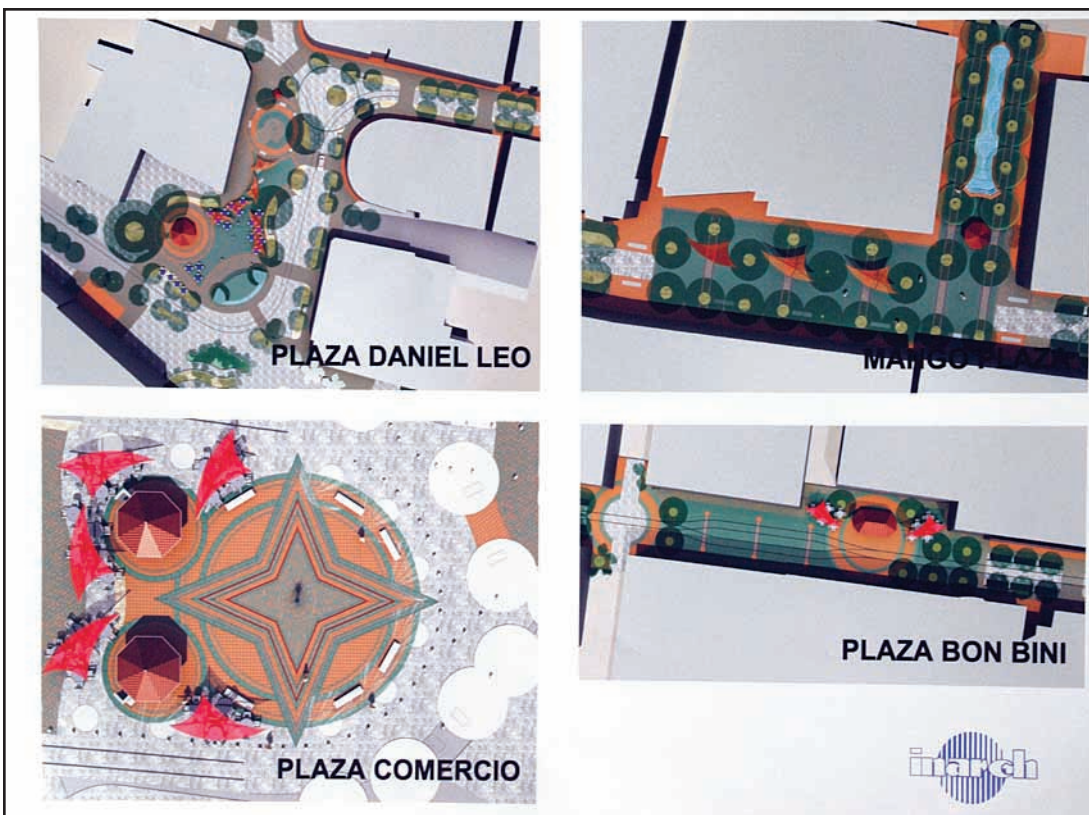
US trainer, Lori Eaton



shared the good news about Anouk's nomination with Aruban synchro representatives and remarked: "...Lindenwood had their aquatics award ceremony last night and Anouk was awarded with the Most Valuable Player (MVP) award! This is the highest synchro award given. It was great to see her hard work, dedication and improvements be awarded. She is a great representative for Aruba."

Aruba Zwembond (AZB) congratulates Anouk Eman, her trainer Lori Eaton and her parents Braat and Gloria Eman-Geerman.

Photo shows Anouk Eman during her recent visit to her native Aruba.



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TUESDAY AND FRIDAY: LIVE MUSIC

France arrests Muslim women as full-face veil ban begins



Kenza Drider, a niqab veiled woman, who has become the media symbol of France's tiny community of niqab wearers, speaks to the press during an unauthorised protest.

PARIS, France (AFP) – Police in France, home to Europe's biggest Muslim population, arrested two protesters wearing

niqab veils on Monday as a ban on full-face coverings went into effect.

The women, part of a demonstration that erupted in front of Notre Dame cathedral in Paris, were detained for taking part in an unauthorised protest rather than for wearing their veils.

But, in theory at least, French officials can now slap fines on Muslim women who refuse orders to expose their faces when in public.

"We were held for three-and-a-half hours at the police station while the prosecutors decided what to do. Three-and-a-half hours later they told us: 'It's fine, you can go'," said 32-year-old Kenza Drider.

Drider, who made regular international media appearances in her brown and cream niqab in the run-up to the ban, said she had lifted her veil only briefly and only in front of female officers for an identity check.

Separately, businessman and activist Rachid Nekkaz told AFP that he and a female friend wearing the niqab were arrested by police in front of President Nicolas Sarkozy's Elysee Palace.

"We wanted to be fined for wearing the niqab, but the police didn't want to issue a fine," said Nekkaz, who has promised to auction off a two-million-euro property to start a fund to pay off fines for veil-wearers.

French police fear the law will be impossible to enforce, since they have not been empowered to use force to remove head coverings, and could face resistance in already tense immigrant districts.

The law came into effect at an already fraught moment in relations between the state and France's Muslim minority, with Sarkozy accused of stigmatising Islam to win back votes from a resurgent far right.

Captured Gbagbo calls for end to I.Coast fighting



Laurent Gbagbo appearing on a TV footage on Ivorian television shortly after his capture in Abidjan

ABIDJAN (AFP) – Laurent Gbagbo called Monday for an end to fighting in Ivory Coast hours after the strongman was captured by forces loyal to his rival for the presidency at the climax of a deadly months-long crisis.

"I want us to lay down arms and to enter the civilian part of the crisis, which should be completed rapidly for life in the country to resume," Gbagbo said on his rival Alassane Ouattara's TCI channel shortly after his capture.

Gbagbo, who has held power since 2000 and stubbornly refused to admit defeat in November's presidential election, was detained and taken to his rival's temporary hotel headquarters with his wife Simone and son Michel.

"The nightmare is over," Ouattara's prime minister, former rebel leader Guillaume Soro, said on the victorious camp's television channel, calling for any forces still loyal to Gbagbo to change sides.

"There can be no witch hunts, join the Republican

Forces," Soro said.

"After fierce fighting, surrounded and defeated, Gbagbo and his wife Simone Gbagbo have just surrendered and are now under arrest," he added, calling on Ivorians to remain calm and saying a lawless Abidjan would soon be secured.

The network showed footage of Gbagbo inside a room in the Golf Hotel along with several senior aides, wearing a vest, wiping himself down with a towel and then changing shirts. He appeared visibly tired but otherwise unharmed.

UN peacekeeping chief Alain Le Roy said Gbagbo and his wife were under the protection of UN police at the Golf Hotel amid fears of reprisals or summary justice.

"UN gendarmes are now ensuring the security of Mr. Gbagbo and his wife in an apartment in the Golf Hotel," Le Roy said. "To my knowledge most of the fighting has stopped but there are pockets of resistance."

Ouattara will now decide whether Gbagbo should face trial but UN guards would stay with him even if he is moved outside of Abidjan.

After the capture, General Bruno Dogbo Ble, the head of Gbagbo's Republican Guard, called the UN to say he wanted to surrender and Le Roy said at least 200 Gbagbo fighters had laid down their weapons.



PARIS, Franc : A videograb made on April 11, 2011 from the French BFM TV channel shows Seif al-Islam Kadhafi, son of Libyan leader Moamer Kadhafi during an interview. Seif al-Islam said today that it was time for "new blood" in his country's leadership but said talk of his father stepping down was "ridiculous".

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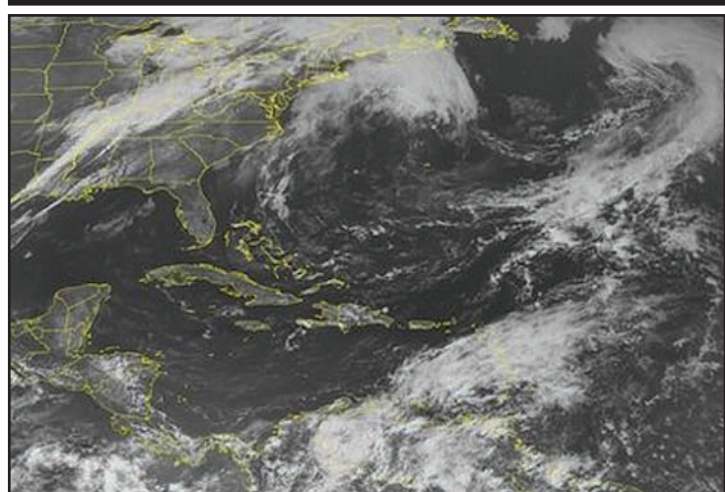
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Ballast Water Management Conference a Success



Last week Minister Otmar Oduber met with the Department of Shipping (Scheepvaart) where he was informed of the recently held Ballast Water Management Conference held March 30 and 31. More than 70 local and international persons attended this very successful conference which was sponsored by Otmar Oduber as Minister of Tourism, Transport and Labor.

Among the attendees were those who came from Curacao, Holland, Bonaire, Sint Maarten, Sint Eustatius and representatives from the America Coast Guard. Also in attendance was the International Maritime Organization. Carlyle de Coteau, member of the management team of the Department of Shipping, together with the interim director, Rene Donata, provided the minister with detailed information of the proceedings of the conference. They then presented the minister with a photo map containing numerous photos of the event so as to give Oduber a graphic view of the event.



This NOAA satellite image taken yesterday, shows a few patchy clouds develop over Central America, while most of the Caribbean Sea remains sunny and dry. A ridge of high pressure dominates the Caribbean Sea and Latin America, allowing for warm, dry, and sunny weather. However, onshore flow from the western Caribbean Sea kicks up clouds with scattered rain showers from Honduras to Panama.

Humala leads Peru runoff, Fujimori daughter second

LIMA, Peru, 2011 (AFP) - Peru are bracing for the prospect of a polarizing presidential run-off between leftist ex-army officer Ollanta Humala and right-wing lawmaker Keiko Fujimori, daughter of the jailed ex-president.

Humala, 48, who just missed out on the 2006 presidency, led with 30.5%, according to the electoral authority's count of more than 80% of ballots cast in Sunday's general elections.

Dutch gunman fired over 100 rounds

THE HAGUE, The Netherlands -- Tristan van der Vlis, the gunman in Saturday's bloodbath in the Netherlands, fired more than a hundred rounds of ammunition during his shooting spree at a shopping center in Alphen aan den Rijn. He used all three weapons found at the scene according to the Public Prosecutor's Office.

The 24-year-old had a licence for all three weapons. The police are investigating whether a semi-automatic gun had been converted into a machine gun, which is illegal in the Netherlands.

Closed circuit camera footage shows that the shooting inside the shopping center lasted just a couple of minutes. His first victim, however, was shot outside in the car park.



Tristan van der Vlis

Meanwhile the shopping center De Ridderhof remains closed for the time being. The town's mayor hopes it will re-open today.

Six people were killed in the shooting and 17 injured. Seven people are seriously injured in hospital. The gunman eventually shot himself in a supermarket

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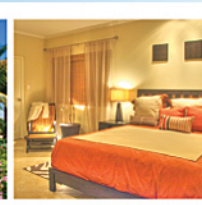
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Chevrolet launches its new model-the Cruze at Expomovil 2011 in Costa Rica with invited Aruban media

SAN JOSE, Costa Rica – San Jose Expomovil hosted the recent launching of the newest model of Chevrolet from General Motors, the Chevrolet Cruze 2011. This historical city was chosen to celebrate another historical moment, the 100th anniversary of Chevrolet Motor Company.

Various international press members were invited to the Expomovil, including those from Aruba, Curaçao and the Dominican Republic, to witness the event.

Mark Benson Denz of 24ora.com represented Aruba upon invitation of General Motors, Chevrolet and their exclusive Aruba representative Stern Automotive Enterprises. Mr. Denz narrates his experience with other international press members. "The expo is one of the biggest of Latin America. For ten days agents of different auto makes are present exposing their newest car models."

Chevrolet took advantage of this spectacular event to introduce the newest model in the Latin American Caribbean market, while at the same time re-introducing two other models, the Traverse and Captiva Sport. Other Chevrolet models on exhibit were the Spark, Tahoe, Aveo and Avalanche.

However, without question, the highlight of the show was definitely the Cruze, which captivated all those who attended the car show. Press members got an opportunity to test drive the car on the Costa Rica AutoDromo race track on wet roads, for short distance braking and handling at high speeds.

Mr. Benz commented: "The race was very interesting, as for many it was a first time experience. Most of the participants did a time of more or less 30 seconds on the route of their choice, which was not the



complete track. You can feel the horsepower of the car, see how smoothly it takes a curve at high speed and how fast it come to a still stand when braking for an obstacle on the road. The Chevrolet Cruze gave an impressive demonstration of stability and speed."

Mr. Denz also did a test drive of a Captiva Sport, a small SUV with a very attractive design. Its safety measures - airbags, stabilitrac, ABS, four wheel disc brakes, and traction control - all contributed in making this SUV model a winner.

General Motors, Chevrolet and Stern Automotive Enterprises are very pleased with Mr. Denz's reaction to the new models and the Expomovil 2011.

Stern Automotive Enterprises is the exclusive auto dealer on Aruba for Chevrolet. For more information readers may visit the showroom situated at Tanki Leendert 122 or call at tel. 582-3838. Website www.chevroletcaribbean.com



Mark Benson Denz

Tiara Air approved by Aerocommercial Project Valuation Group of Colombia



ORANJESTAD -- After complying with all the requirements and norms based on the rules and regulations of the Aeronautics of Colombia better known as RAC, the petition of Tiara Air was approved to provide international air transport service to both passengers and cargo to the following routes in Colombia:

- Aruba-Cucuta-Aruba with 3 weekly flights;
- Aruba-Rionegro-Aruba via Armenia with 2 weekly flights;
- Aruba-Armenia-Aruba 2 weekly flights

Tiara Air will soon initiate

these new routes with a Boeing B737-300.

Colombia is already on Tiara Air's itinerary, for two years it has been flying the route Aruba-Riohacha, twice a week. Soon Tiara Air will implement a third flight in view of the high demand.

Riohacha, Colombia is seen as a gateway to Santa Martha, Barranquilla and the surrounding cities as it is situated at Colombia's Caribbean North Coast.

These positive developments will certainly contribute to Aruba and Colombia's economy and tourism.

Carlos Lacle is the lucky winner of Fiesta Rotaria's grand prize, a Chevrolet Silverado pickup



This year, once again, the Aruba Rotary Club held its popular Fiesta Rotaria—a fundraising street fair and flea market, which includes an annual raffle for ten fabulous prizes. The grand prize is a highly coveted new model vehicle, usually a Chevrolet Silverado pickup from Stern Automotive Enterprises. The car dealer always generously cooperates in fundraising effort. Winning ticket number was

04356, purchased by BGB N.V.

Rotary Club President Rob de Zwart, was assisted by members Lufrido Croes and Gerardo Oduer in handing the keys to the Silverado to BGB N.V. associate Mr. Carlos Lacle, in the presence of his family.

Also present at the joyous occasion was David Theysen, Managing Director of Stern GM on Aruba.

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Cool Casino offers fun activities all Easter week

Cool Casino at Riu Palace is organizing a slew of fun activities to celebrate the upcoming Easter Holidays, beginning with Holy Thursday, granting 3X point on slots April 21st till April 30th.

Good Friday's Blackjack Tournament will feature a cool prize of \$1,000. Starting at 7:30 pm, the tournament inscription is just \$15, and the re-buy just \$10.

On Saturday night Casin Giel's popular band will provide the musical entertainment in the casino and the first 100 guests will receive \$10 in slot credit. Cool Casino's Easter Slot Tournament, starting at 6:30 pm will feature a fun Egg Hunt on slots for \$1,000 in prizes, inscription \$10.

While the entertaining Easter Slot Tournament will repeat on Monday at 6:30 pm, the much-anticipated Blackjack Tournament will be



Jeffrey Provencal, (Winner of straight flush on Let It Ride)

played on Tuesday, also featuring \$1,000 in prizes, inscription \$15, and the re-buy just \$10.

Wednesday's much-liked Ladies Night at the casino will introduce the music of Francis Jacobs and free \$10 slot credit for ladies, after 9 pm. Friday will feature a Black Jack Tournament, at 7:30 pm, for \$1,000 in cool prizes, inscription just \$15 and the re-buy just \$10.

The first 100 casino visitors will again receive a \$10 slot credit, on Saturday, enjoying live music and the casino's friendly ambiance. Sunday, will deliver the Big Blackjack Tournament, with \$2,500 in cool prizes beginning at 7 pm, says Deyanira Zuniga, Marketing Supervisor, the Big Black-jack Tournament will conclude the Easter week program at the casino.



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Heavenly gadgets: Spinoffs from space programmes

PARIS (AFP) - What do ceramic teeth braces, artificial hearts, airbags, insulin pumps and Olympics-calibre swimsuits have in common?

Answer: they originated in space.

All these gadgets and hundreds more are spinoffs from technologies developed for the multi-billion-dollar space programmes that kicked into high gear 50 years ago when Yuri Gagarin became the first human catapulted into orbit.

Many of these offshoots began with a quest by American, Soviet and European engineers for materials that could perform new tasks or withstand extreme temperatures, cosmic rays and the stresses of high or zero gravity.

So-called memory metals, for example, that flex and recover their shape in response to heat are used for shower valves to prevent scalding, surgical staples and tubing for reinforcing arteries called stents.

Sharper-than-steel scalpels, medical implants and even performance-enhancing golf clubs -- stronger than titanium



An artificial heart

as elastic as plastic -- are today derived from a related class of space-age alloys called liquid metals.

Likewise the flexible wire rims of your sunglasses... which may also feature a glass coating, developed to protect astronauts' eyes from glint and glare.

Often the product seems quite remote from the technology that spawned it.

When swimwear maker

Speedo set about making a faster suit, it turned to experts at NASA Langley Research Institute, who had specialised in studying friction and drag.

The resulting LZR line, launched in February 2008, quickly became de rigueur for competitive swimmers: more than nine out of 10 gold-medal winners at the Beijing Olympics six months later wore them.

Other space-boosted

sportsgear includes athletic shoes with a cushioning material designed by NASA for its spacesuits.

Healthcare monitoring devices have also been derived from space-related inventions.

Technology once used to gauge the temperature of distant stars and planets now monitors the body heat of humans by measuring, in less than two seconds, energy emitted by the eardrum.

Automatic pumps that continuously deliver micro-doses of insulin -- eliminating the need for painful daily shots -- are based on NASA satellite components developed for the Viking Mars mission.

Technology created to track the health of astronauts in deep space has now been integrated into fitness machines: an infrared heartbeat transmitter strapped against the chest uses the heart rate to directly modulate exercise intensity.

And an artificial heart-pump, ten times smaller than earlier models, was inspired directly by systems that monitor fuel consumption on

space shuttles.

Some applications have gone from cosmic to cosmetic.

Using material from missile-tracking devices, a company working with NASA invented translucent, shatter-resistant braces that have since been worn by hundreds of thousands of smiling adolescents.

Shock-absorbent foams developed to protect astronauts from the brain-jarring effects of g-force are widely used in protective head gear, including for cyclists.

A light-weight, fibrous material five times stronger than steel -- originally made for the Viking space vehicle parachute -- will soon be integrated in radial tires of your next car, according to NASA.

Even gourmet food fans have reason to hail space-based science.

Borrowing technology developed by ESA to study how fluids move in the bodies of weightless astronauts, Spanish producers can now measure with near-absolute precision the level of humidity in their high-priced hams.

Health & Living

study: Two-drug obesity treatment effective



Obese teens take a morning walk at a special school in California that helps teenagers lose weight.

PARIS, France (AFP) — A new treatment for obesity that combines two existing drugs resulted in twice as much weight loss as the only approved long-term anti-obesity medication, according to a study released.

A mix of Phentermine and

topiramate, sold under the brand name of Topamax, was shown in clinical trials to be twice as effective as orlistat, which is commercialised in some countries as Xenical or Alli, it said.

The drug combo appears to have additional health be-

nefits, including improved "markers," or indicators, for blood pressure, sugar levels, lipids and inflammation, it added.

Phentermine is the most widely prescribed short-term weight drug.

Topiramate is an anticonvulsant approved for treating seizure disorders and migraines. It has been shown to work well for weight loss in obese patients with type 2 diabetes, but -- taken alone -- has also been linked to cognitive and psychiatric side effects.

Lower doses taken with a controlled-release mechanism and in combination with other drugs would likely reduce those side effects, tests have shown.

Led by Kishore Cadde of the Duke University Medical Centre, in Durham, North Carolina, the new trial was conducted over 20 months with nearly 2,500 overweight or obese adults with at least two major health-risk symptoms. The patients were divided into three groups.

One was given a once-a-day dose of 7.5 mg of Phentermine and 46 mg of topiramate, while a second group was given 15 and 92 mg of the same drugs, respectively.

The third group were given look-alike placebos.

After 56 weeks of treatment, the low-dose group dropped, on average, 8.1 kilos (18 pounds) while the high-dose group shed 10.2 kilos (22 pounds).

Patients given placebos lost 1.4 kilos (3.0 pounds).

Overall, 62 percent of the low-dose patients lost at least five percent of body weight, while 70 percent in the high-dose cohort crossed the same threshold.

Patients given placebos lost 1.4 kilos (3.0 pounds), with 21 percent sloughing five percent off their total weight.

The two-drug treatment was well tolerated physically, with only sporadic cases of dry mouth and constipation, according to the study, which is published by The Lancet.

The high-dose group, however, showed a higher dropout rate due to adverse cognitive and psychiatric reactions.



MANCHESTER, United Kingdom : British Prime Minister David Cameron and wife Samantha (above picture in centre) makes royal wedding bunting with pupils at the English Martyrs RC Primary School in Manchester, north-west England, on April 11, 2011. Britain's Prime Minister on Monday urged the public to go ahead with royal wedding street party celebrations and ignore people who try and put them off with bureaucracy and health and safety warnings. David Cameron said residents did not need special documents to hold a street party and he urged people to get involved later this month in the big celebration.

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-- A new study suggests that college students worldwide are "addicted" to portable electronic devices, such as cellphones, laptops and MP3 players.

Researchers asked about 1,000 students in 10 countries on five continents to give up all their portable electronic

devices for 24 hours.

After that break, the students wrote about their feelings and also completed a survey.

Most college students, whether living in developed or developing countries, are similar in how they use portable electronic devices and how "addicted" they are to them, according to the study released this week by the International Center for Media & the Public Agenda (ICMPA) at the University of Maryland.

The researchers had expected to find some differences among students from different countries, said project director Susan D. Moeller, "But it quickly became apparent, from looking at the student demographics and the students' narrative comments, that all the student-responders in this study are digital natives.

Among the comments from participants after their 24-hour separation from portable electronic devices:

-An American student: "I was itching, like a crackhead, because I could not use my phone."

-A student in Slovakia: "I felt sad, lonely and depressed."

-A Chinese student: "I can say, without exaggeration, I was almost freaking out."

-A British student: "Media is my drug; without it I was lost. I am an addict."

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La Cabana Beach & Racquet Club performs community service Hilario Angela College in San Nicolas receives a much-needed facelift



Hilario Angela College in San Nicolas, an elementary school in the local public school system, received a much-needed helping hand from La Cabana Beach & Racquet Club when dozens of resort employees put in a full day's work at the school, trimming bushes, weeding, painting and fixing.

One of the teachers, Patricia Senchi, originally went to the resort for some help with a class project.


When asked about the school's situation she poured out her heart about the deplorable state of repair and maintenance. La Cabana Beach & Racquet Club listened and following a close evaluation decided that indeed, a face lift is required, and feasible.

In collaboration with Fantastic Gardens, Aruba's plant people, associates - armed with paint, brushes and brooms - took over the school soliciting and receiving the students' help.

The effort was also joined by school teachers and some parents from the neighborhood, who rolled up their sleeves for a good cause.

Pictured here the talented group in action, also receiving a certificate of appreciation from the school. Hilario Angela College in San Nicolas is located in a lower middle class neighborhood, and is struggling to maintain high quality education and care for the students in the face of budget cuts and economic hardship.






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Aruba Lions Club installs three new members



The three new members



Ronny Nicholaas

Recently, the Aruba chapter of Lions Club International installed three new members, Patrick Paskel, Igor Croes and Roccini Anthony. The official ceremony took place in the Ballroom of La Cabana Beach and Racquet Club. Sponsors were: for Patrick – Lions' Club President Claret Lopez, for Igor-Frank Croes and for Roccini-Franky Kuiperi.

On that same night, Lion members gave special honor to Robert "Chobby" Croes, who commemorated 40 years of service with the Lions Club.



Robert "Chobby" Croes

Also receiving special honor were Frank Croes and Ronny Nicholaas who received their 'Life Member' pins while other members received certificates for participating in a special 'Beginners in Lionism' course.

The night closed with a presentation by the choir comprised of Lions and Lionesses, which received a standing ovation for their performance.

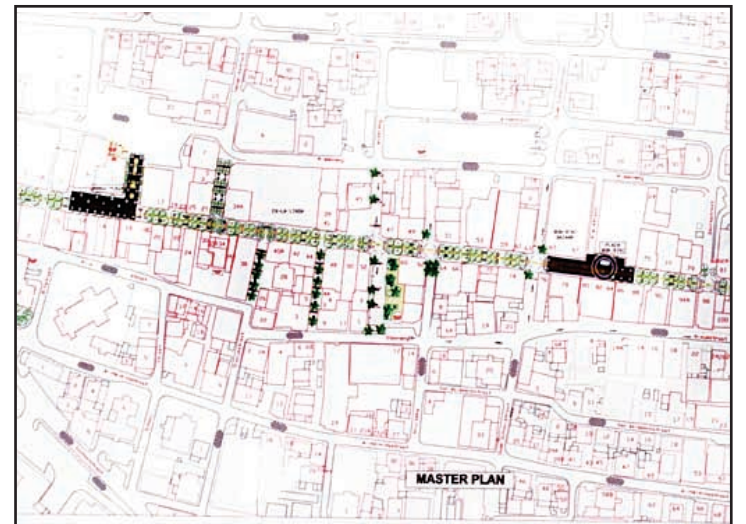
The Aruba Lions Club congratulates its three new members and the organizing committee for a beautiful installation night.



Frank Croes

Minister Sevinger assures...

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Oranjestad's main street is particularly vulnerable to runoff from the surrounding areas and prone to flooding when there is heavy rainfall; the new drainage system will alleviate this problem.

The Minister emphasized the importance of work on each phase following immediately on the heels of the next, and for that reason he is sitting down with the FDA administrators this coming April 18 to procure the funds for the final phase. Fundacion Desaroyo Aruba controls monies deposited by both Holland and Aruba earmarked for the development of the island.

The most important start to the second phase, according to

Minister Sevinger will be placement of the foundation and rails for the tram from the outskirts of town near the ship terminal, into the main street. A large parking area will be constructed adjacent, to eliminate auto traffic in town. Plans are already set for the placement of kiosks, shade trees and gazebos for the 3 plazas that will dominate the beautification of Oranjestad. These plans will be presented to the FDA for their approval, which is required before work can begin, along with request for the funding for the 3rd and final phase of the project, so work can continue on schedule.

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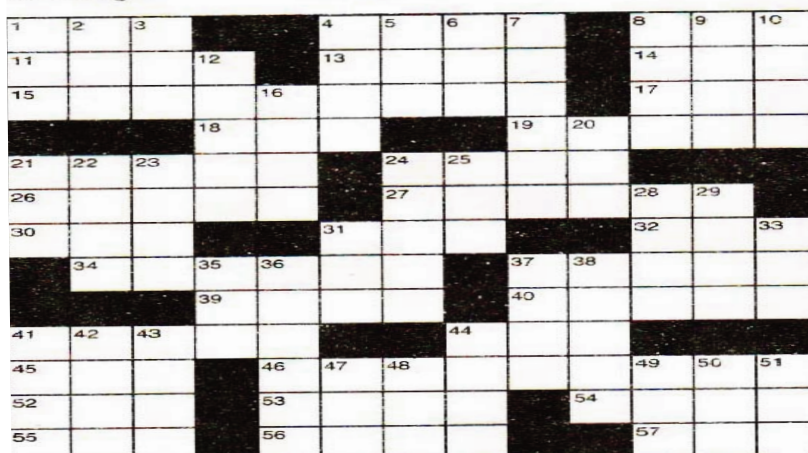
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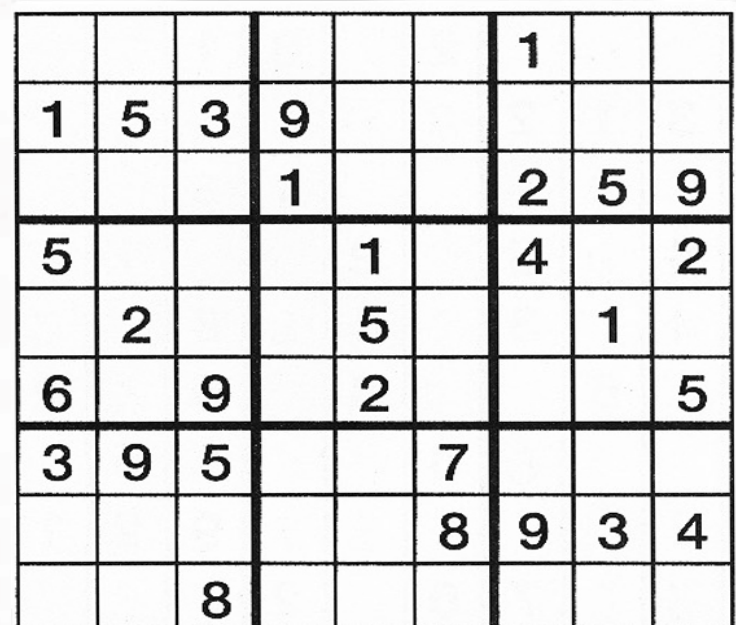
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Global recovery firms; oil prices a key risk: IMF

WASHINGTON (AFP) – The global economy is firmly on the mend in 2011 but challenges are on the rise, particularly from surging oil prices, the International Monetary Fund said Monday.

The IMF said its latest world economic forecasts were little changed from a January update: 4.4 percent global growth in 2011, ticking down from 5.0 percent in 2010.

A two-speed recovery from the 2009 global recession was expected to continue apace, with emerging-market and developing economies expanding at a 6.5 percent clip, and the advanced economies mustering only 2.4 percent growth.

"The recovery has solidified, but unemployment remains high," the IMF said in its twice-yearly World Economic Outlook report.

The United States, the world's largest economy, was projected to grow a modest 2.8 percent, while number-two China topped the growth chart at 9.6 percent.

"The key downside risk to growth relates to the potential for oil prices to surprise further on the upside because of supply disruptions," the IMF warned.

The Washington-based institution's growth forecasts assumed an average oil price of \$107 a barrel in 2011, after \$79 in 2010.

"New downside risks are building on account of commodity prices, notably for oil, and, relatedly, geopolitical uncertainty, as well as overheating and booming asset markets

in emerging market economies," it said.

Surging oil prices have sparked fears of a return to the record levels above \$147 seen in 2008, when high food and commodity prices sparked political unrest in some countries.

Olivier Blanchard, the IMF's chief economist, stressed that the recent oil price rise was not expected to have "major effects" on either growth or inflation.

"My own view is that there is not any major downside risk at this point in the world economy, in the way there was a year or two ago, but there are reasons to worry," Blanchard said at a news conference.

The report's authors, however, underlined the difficulty in forecasting a market that has been under the sway of revolts in the Middle East and North Africa region since the beginning of the year.

China and other emerging-market powerhouses such as India and Brazil were driving the strong demand for commodities.

But the IMF also pointed to a "sluggish" production response by the Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries when prices moved above the \$70-80 range, which the cartel previously had called a "fair" range.

The lack of response by the cartel that produces about 40 percent of the world's oil supply "has led to some uncertainty in markets about OPEC producers' implicit price targets."

White House warns of debt 'Armageddon'



WASHINGTON, (AFP) – The White House warned Republicans on Monday that failing to raise the \$14.29 trillion US debt limit would spark "Armageddon-like" consequences for the slowly recovering US economy.

As a new political showdown looms over the economy following a defused budget row last week, aides also said that President Barack Obama now realized his vote as a senator against raising the debt ceiling in 2006 was a mistake.

"The consequences ... of failure to raise the debt ceiling would be Armageddon-like in terms of the economy," said White House spokesman Jay Carney.

Congress must raise the US debt limit, or the maximum amount the Treasury is allowed to borrow, by May 16 or see the United States default on interest payments of its debt.

But the move has become embroiled in fiercely partisan battles over the economy and spending.

Carney warned that the result of failing to raise the debt ceiling were so grave, it would be irresponsible for politicians to exploit the drama for political gain.

"We don't need to pay chicken with our economy by raising the debt ceiling," said Carney.

However, Republicans who control the House of Representatives are demanding vast new spending cuts from Obama -- over and above the 38 billion dollars agreed to end the budget row last week, in exchange for raising the debt limit.

Obama, under pressure to define the economic debate a week after launching his 2012 reelection battle, is due to tackle the issue -- and a budget deficit that is set to reach 1.6 trillion dollars this year -- in a major speech.

Treasury officials have said that failure to raise the debt limit could drive up interest rates, making it more difficult for Americans to borrow money at a time when home values are depressed and market-linked pension savings are down.

They also say that global confidence in the US economy would also be badly hit.

The White House also delicately navigated around a vote made by Obama in March 2006 against a plan to raise the debt limit while George W. Bush was president, in protest at what he said was a lack of leadership.

"The president ... regrets that vote and thinks it was a mistake," Carney said.

Level 3 buying Global Crossing in \$3 bn deal



NEW YORK (AFP) – Internet provider Level 3 Communications announced Monday it is acquiring networking company Global Crossing in a stock deal valued at \$3 billion, the latest consolidation in the telecom sector.

The combined company will provide fiber optic connections to more than 70 countries on three continents and comes about three weeks after US telecom giant AT&T's \$39 billion proposed acquisition of T-Mobile USA.

The deal calls for Global Crossing shareholders to receive 16 shares of Level 3 common stock for each share of their Global Crossing stock.

The companies said that based on Level 3's closing stock price on Friday, the deal is valued at \$3 billion, including the assumption by Level 3 of \$1.1 billion of Global Crossing's debt.

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Michael Jackson fantasies play out on Xbox - PS3

SAN FRANCISCO, (AFP) - Michael Jackson fans will get to show off how well they sing and dance like the King of Pop in videogames crafted by Ubisoft for play on Microsoft Xbox 360 and Sony PlayStation 3 (PS3) consoles.

The French videogame titan will release today versions of "Michael Jackson: The Experience" that tap into motion and voice sensing capabilities of popular Kinect and Move accessories for the Xbox 360 and PS3 respectively.

Ubisoft has sold about three million copies of a version of the game released in late November for play on Nintendo Wii consoles.

"The Move is a platform dying for an awesome dance game and we already know it works on the Kinect," Ubisoft senior vice president of sales and marketing Tony Key told AFP. "The timing is great."

"Michael Jackson: The Experience" take advantage of camera, voice and gesture-tracking capabilities of Kinect controllers for Xbox 360 consoles to track how well players are imitating the late music leg-



end's moves.

The game features Ubisoft technology that projects players into on-screen scenes inspired by Jackson's live performances and music videos including his famous "Thriller" work.

Kinect players are represented by animated characters that mirror their appearances and movements.

"You actually see yourself moving and your goal is to follow along with the backup dancers," Key said. "You can see your hair flitting, what you are wearing -- all of that."

Move player actions are

tracked with the help of handheld wands, and dance steps executed by on-screen characters. Ubisoft tailored software to each game system's strengths.

Unlike game play on the Wii, "Michael Jackson: The Experience" on the Kinect and Move combines singing the late artist's hit songs with matching his trademark choreography.

"Michael Jackson: The Experience" will be priced at \$49.99 when it becomes available in the United States on Tuesday. The game will be released in Europe two days later.

World Cup leaves Sri Lanka with \$23 mln debt



A view of the R. Premadasa Cricket Stadium in Colombo during the cricket World Cup in March 2011.

COLOMBO, Sri Lanka (AFP) – Sri Lanka Cricket said Monday it is saddled with a \$23-million-dollar debt after cost overruns and hefty bills incurred building stadiums for the recent World Cup.

"We spent a lot of money to host the World Cup, to build two stadiums and rebuild one stadium. The World Cup left us a 2.5 billion rupee (\$22.6 million) deficit," Sports Minister Mahindananda Aluthgamage told reporters.

Sri Lanka, which lost the final to India by six wickets, hosted 12 matches during the World Cup, with others held in India and Bangladesh.

The island built two new grounds in the southern town of Hambantota and the central town of Pallekele, while nearly \$8 million was spent to renovate the Colombo-based R. Premadasa stadium.

"We spent about five billion rupees (\$45.3 million dollars) to build the three World Cup venues," Aluthgamage said.

The minister said the governing body was forced to pledge the newly built stadiums, along with income from upcoming tours, as collateral to raise funds to pay for the lavish tournament that ended on April 2.

"We are not in a serious cash crisis," Aluthgamage said. "Building new stadiums costs a lot of money. You must look at it as an investment for the future development of the game."

Sri Lanka Cricket treasurer Sujeewa Rajapakse said the board took a \$21.5 million loan from state-run Bank of Ceylon and another \$3.5 million loan

from the International Cricket Council (ICC) to tide them over the shortfall.

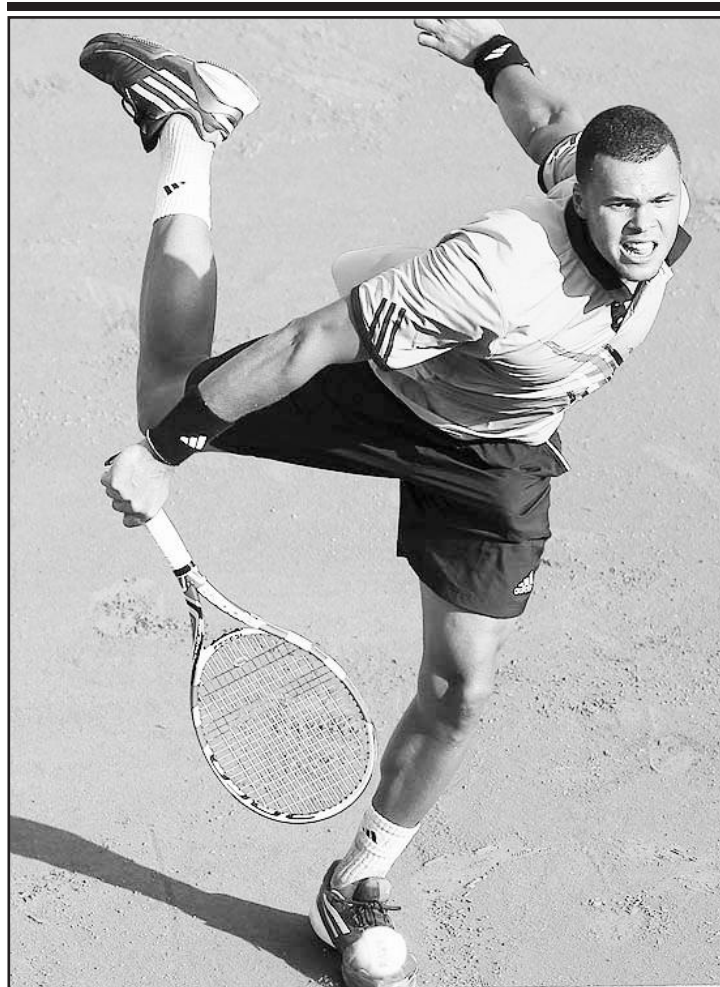
"We are expecting \$25 million from the ICC soon, by way of hosting rights. Once that comes, we can sort things out," Rajapakse said.

Sri Lanka is to face England, Australia, Pakistan and South Africa this year, and is also due to host the World

Twenty20 championships in 2012.

Sri Lanka won its sole World Cup in 1996 and emerged finalists in 2007.

Since losing the final to India, the team's captain, vice-captain and selectors have quit, while head coach Australian-born Trevor Bayliss also ended his contract to take up his old job at New South Wales.



MONACO, Monaco : Jo Wilfried Tsonga of France hits a return to Juan Monaco of Argentina during the Monte-Carlo ATP Masters Series Tournament tennis match, on April 11, 2011 in Monaco. AFP PHOTO



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Kallis stars for Kolkata



KOLKATA, India (AFP) – Jacques Kallis hit his second half-century in a row to set up a nine-run win for Kolkata Knight Riders against Deccan Chargers in the Indian Premier League yesterday.

Kallis, 35, hit seven fours and a six in his 45-ball 53 as Kolkata piled on 163-4 before restricting Deccan to 154-8 off 20 overs on a slow Eden Gardens track.

This was the first victory for Kolkata in the Twenty20 tournament after having lost to Chennai by two runs in their opening match last week.

Kallis also picked up four catches to cap a fine day in the middle.

Left-arm spinner Iqbal Abdullah gave Kolkata an early breakthrough, removing Ishank Jaggi in the third over before Rajat Bhatia grabbed the key wicket of skipper Kumar Sangakkara (16) to reduce Deccan

to 53-3 in the ninth over.

Deccan could never really recover from the early setbacks, succumbing to their second defeat in as many matches despite a fighting 48 by Bharat Chipli.

Abdullah finished with 3-24 while Bhatia and Jaidev Unadkat took two wickets each.

Kallis, opening the innings, gave a flying start to Kolkata after captain Gautam Gambhir won the toss and elected to bat.

The all-rounder raced to the 50-run mark with a six off his South Africa teammate JP Duminy but was out the next ball as he attempted to clear mid-wicket again.

Brief scores:

Kolkata Knight Riders 163-4 in 20 overs (J. Kallis 53, M. Tiwary 30 not out, G. Gambhir 29; A. Mishra 2-19) beat Deccan Chargers 154-8 in 20 overs (B. Chipli 48; Iqbal Abdulla 3-24, R. Bhatia 2-29, J. Unadkat 2-36)

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Rafael the only blip for United ahead of Chelsea

MANCHESTER (AFP) - Brazilian Rafael could be Manchester United's only doubt for the Champions League quarter-final, second leg clash at Old Trafford on Tuesday.

The 20-year-old suffered a knee injury in last week's first leg at Stamford Bridge, won 1-0 by United, ruling him out of Saturday's Premier League win over Fulham.

United manager Sir Alex Ferguson said Rafael had only suffered bruising rather than ligament damage, a fact confirmed by his presence on a side pitch at United's Carrington training complex Monday morning.

Both John O'Shea and Wes Brown are available to play at right-back and the fact Rafael was restricted to running rather than ball work with the rest of the group suggests he could be left out of the side.

With the exception of Scotland skipper Darren Fletcher, who has been laid low by a virus, the remainder of Ferguson's first-team squad were training.

That included Rio Ferdinand, who also missed Saturday's game after returning from a calf injury at Stamford Bridge, and Wayne Rooney who was suspended.

However, Rooney is available Tuesday as United look to protect the one goal lead given to them by the England international last week and book a semi-final place almost certainly against German challengers Schalke.

Defending champ Hawks sneak in on final day



Chris Campoli #14 of the Chicago Blackhawks and Todd Bertuzzi #44 of the Detroit Red Wings battle for the puck at the United Center

LOS ANGELES (AFP) - One head coach said so long, another was forced out and the defending champion Chicago Blackhawks breathed a sigh of relief as the 2010-11 National Hockey League regular season wrapped up Sunday.

Chicago lost to Detroit 4-3 but managed to clinch the Western Conference's eighth and final playoff spot after getting some help from the Minnesota Wild.

Despite being out of the playoffs, the Wild played like a team on a mission in beating the Dallas Stars 5-3 in the final game of the NHL season Sunday, giving Chicago the final playoff berth over the Stars.

The Blackhawks will have a chance to defend their title and will face top-seeded Vancouver Canucks in the first round, starting Wednesday.

The Stars were two points behind and could have taken the spot with a win in regulation or overtime.

"I've never been more excited after a hockey game in my life that I didn't participate in," Blackhawks coach Joel Quenneville said.

"I was acting like a two-year-old. It was unbelievable. I was shocked, surprised the way the whole game unfolded. I can't express my jubilation, enthusiasm and excitement."

Chicago captain Jonathan Toews wasn't in a celebratory mood after the loss to Detroit. He wanted the Blackhawks to make the playoffs on their own merit.

"It's so frustrating it has come down to this. I'm pretty much speechless," Toews said in the dressing room after the Detroit loss.

New Jersey Devils coach Lemaire said goodbye for the second straight year after the club he took over in midseason finished out of the post-season.

The 65-year-old Lemaire took over from the fired John Maclean after retiring following last season.

After three seasons at the helm in Florida, Peter DeBoer was handed his walking papers Sunday when the Panthers missed the playoffs for the 10th consecutive season.

On Saturday, the New York Rangers beat the Devils

to stay alive in the East, and then got an assist from Carolina who lost at home to the Tampa Bay Lightning when a victory would have put the Hurricanes in the playoffs.

The Rangers will face Alex Ovechkin's Washington Capitals in the first round for the second time in three years.

The other Eastern matchups comprise No. 2 Philadelphia Flyers, who lost in the Stanley Cup finals against Chicago last year, facing Buffalo; rough and tough No. 3 Boston will play original six rival Montreal; and the in-

jury-depleted Pittsburgh Penguins, who probably won't have superstar captain Sidney Crosby in the first round, take on the fifth-seeded Lightning.

Out West, No. 2 San Jose will take on seventh-seeded Los Angeles; No. 3 Detroit will face sixth-seeded Phoenix and fourth-seeded Anaheim will play No. 5 Nashville.

Canucks forward Daniel Sedin earned the Art Ross Trophy (league scoring champ) following in the footsteps of twin brother Henrik who collected the award last season.



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Masters joy for sweet-swinging Schwartzel



AUGUSTA (AFP) - Charl Schwartzel called it himself after moving into Masters contention on Friday, saying that his time had come to become a South African winner of a major.

The 26-year-old from Johannesburg joined the European Tour eight years ago and since then he watched, and applauded, South African triumphs in the majors for Retief Goosen at two US Opens, Trevor Immelman at the Masters in 2008 and Louis Oosthuizen at last year's British Open.

Schwartzel has now joined the club as he said he would and he paid tribute in particular to close friend Oosthuizen, who left the world's best golfers trailing by seven strokes at St Andrews last July.

"That was a huge inspiration," he said.

"To see Louis win The Open Championship the way he did, you know, we grew up together from a young age.

"We played every single team event, tournament against each other, and we represented South Africa for so long.

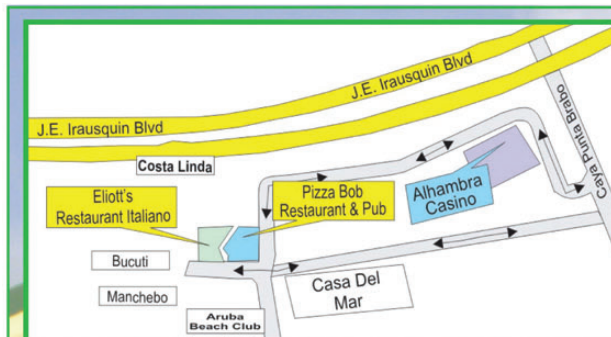
There were other tributes from the quietly spoken and modest Schwartzel.

South African great Ernie Els has been a key figure with his academy back home aimed at nurturing young South African golfing talent such as himself an Oosthuizen.

His father on the chicken farm near Johannesburg who introduced him to the game of golf as a young boy and who gave him the best tip he ever had - to keep it simple.

And Masters legend Jack Nicklaus took the time out here last year to give the young South African a first-hand account of how to best play Augusta National.

All of those influences bore fruit spectacularly on Sunday as Schwartzel chipped in with a six-iron at the first, hit a wedge stone dead at the third and then birdied the last four holes for a 66 to win the year's first major.



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Robben red gets Dutch star a two-match ban

MUNICH (AFP) - Bayern Munich's Dutch star Arjen Robben was Monday handed a two-match Bundesliga ban for being sent off after the final whistle of the 1-1 draw with Nuremberg at the weekend.

Robben, Bayern's playmaker, was furious after his team conceded a late equaliser which saw them

drop to fourth in the German league on Saturday.

A subsequent dispute with the match referee, during which an irate Robben claimed Bayern should have been awarded a penalty earlier in the match, earned him a red card.

Bayern's latest setback means they have slipped fur-

ther behind in the race to finish in at least third place, which is synonymous with a Champions League place next season.

On Sunday Bayern sacked their coach Louis van Gaal, with the ousted Dutchman's assistant Andries Jonker taking over as caretaker head coach for the remainder of the campaign.

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